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Department of Homeland Security, USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla 21 1NR

October 2007

**2007 Fall Awards Dinner Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2007**

TIME: *Social 1800 followed by dinner*

PLACE: *The Rusty Scupper Club
So. Portland, Maine*

UNIFORM: *Tropical Blue Long, Service Dress Blue
BRAVO, or appropriate civilian attire*

Keynote Speaker: *Mark McGill, will be giving a slide show
presentation about the Liberty Ship
SS John W Brown*

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From Our Commander..

By now it is very clear that 2007 will be another very impressive year for us. Please be sure that you submit all of your 7029 reports as soon as possible. We are showing a very nice 3645 for administrative hours logged, however when I look through the individual records, I notice many people who have been very active are not taking credit for their time. Please be sure not to wait until the last moment to report. As of 16 September the Casco Bay Flotilla is responsible for 34% of all mission in our division.

The October meeting will be an excellent time for us to unwind from a very busy summer. Please make your reservations early. Debi and I look forward to seeing you all on October 8th.

David Bilodeau

Flotilla Commander 21 1NR



Below are the recent numbers from AUXINFO. As of 9/16/07.

All Missions	013-02-01 CASCO BAY	Mission Hours
AUXADMN - Aux Administrative Support (99)		3645
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,20a,22a,54a,55a)		405.5
CGADMN - CG Administrative Support (08,92)		423
CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,21,22,26,54)		212
MEP - Marine Environmental Protection (28)		76.5
MS - Marine Safety		586.85
MT - Member Training (06)		83.3
UMDV - Marine Dealer Visits (11)		33
UPA - Public Affairs (10)		876.19
UPE - Public Education (04)		60.5
VSC - Vessel Safety Check (91)		244
All Missions		6645.84

*F21 mugs available for purchase
\$4.00*

Contact Ken Caprio for more information



Staff Reports

Finance [G. Leblanc]—Membership dues for all flotilla members paid to date have been forwarded to division. There are nine remaining members (on the original list) that have not renewed as 14 September 2007. A last request for dues will be sent out to flotilla members who were on the list provided to make sure that they have decided to not pay dues for the upcoming year.

Personnel Services [K. Caprio]—Continuing to get inquiries into New Member Classes and sending out intro letters.
 ♦ Arranged to have new members emplid #'s given to Manager of USCG XCHG, so they can shop before they receive ID Cards. ♦ I am making arrangements for Classrooms for New Members Classes. ♦ Attending 10/17 BS&S class to promote USCGAUX. ♦ Possible weekend tour of BIW being checked into!

Public Affairs [J. Hume]—Susan Polans and Piren Sen staffed the Flotilla's Boating Safety Exhibit at the Maine MS Society's MS Tugboat Muster on August 19th. The MS Society was grateful to have the USCG Auxiliary participate in the shore side portion of the Tugboat Muster. ♦ Advance planning scheduling and contracts are already in the works for this winters Portland area boat shows. ♦ I have been busy working on plans with Lt. Lisa Tinker to help Sector NNE with their support of the Boy Scouts Maine Jamboree to be held on October 19th through 21st in Oxford, Maine. I will be emailing the flotilla members to solicit volunteers to work with Sector NNE at the Boy Scouts Maine Jamboree to be held on October 19th through 21st in Oxford, Maine.

♦ I plan to work with Chief Hart and Sector NNE staff to form a long-term plan to reestablish a Flotilla Outreach Team. The Flotilla has been invited to participate in the Maine MS Society's MS Tugboat Muster in 2008 by organizing and administering the seamanship competition for the Tugboat Crews at the Muster.

RBS Visitation [N. Magoon]—The season winding down. He would like a shadow to work with him and Joel Glass.

Secretary [G. Sturgess]—His shadow – James Thomson – has completed his first minutes of the August Staff Officer Meeting.

Vessel Examination [S. Polans]— The flotilla is still receiving requests for VSCs. I have finished my first five supervised UPV inspections and will be taking the oral exam for qualification in the next few weeks. I plan to send out a reminder e-mail to all VEs to be sure they have sent in their VSC reports. The good news is that, if my figures are correct, we conducted 88 more VE's this year than last year (273 v/s 185)



Minutes of the Flotilla Monthly Meeting held 10 September 2007 Rusty Scupper, Station South Portland

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1845 by the Flotilla Vice Commander. The flotilla commander could not attend. There were approximately 27 members present.

Welcome Members and Guests: The VFC introduced two guests :Chief John Hart, USCGR, and, Lt. J.G. Kevin Miller, USCG, who has been the Auxiliary Liaison since 2005.

Flotilla Vice Commander's Comments: The VFC polled the members present about the time: 1900 was suggested, and was agreed to generally by verbal consensus. He will check into officially restoring the meeting to start at 1900.

September had, in general, been a quiet month, with most activities wrapping up and finishing off for the season. There had been no August meeting of the Division.

General Comments/New Business: The VFC reminded the Flotilla that elections for VFC and FC are coming up in November. Steven Birmingham and Ken Cyll volunteered to form the Nominating Committee. Anyone interested in running either of the positions being decided in this election should contact one of them.

[November 12th is the date of the election meeting.](#)

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**CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 2 1 1NR
2007 FALL DINNER MEETING**

*David G. Bilodeau - Flotilla Commander
David L. Drake - Flotilla Vice Commander*

Date: *Monday, October 8, 2007*

Place: *The Rusty Scupper Club
USCG Base, South Portland*

Time: *1800 — Attitude Adjustment; 1900 — dinner*

Attendees: *Members - Friends - Distinguished Guests*

Program: *Dinner Good Fellowship Slide Show Presentation
By F21 member Mark McGill, a volunteer crew member of the
Liberty Ship John W. Brown*

Uniform: *Tropical Blue Long or Appropriate Civilian Attire*

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*** CASH BAR AVAILABLE ***

<u>Cost</u>	<u>\$15.00 per meal</u>	<u>Number</u>
Meal Choice:	Potato Encrusted Baked Haddock	_____
	Oven Roasted Prime Rib	_____

*Above is served with choice of twice baked potato,
fresh steamed green beans, dinner rolls, tossed or Caesar salad,
along with Tiramisu Torte and coffee*

Name(s): _____

*Please mail this reservation and remittance by **September 30th** to:*

MAIL TO: **Gus Leblanc, FSO-FN** [Tel # 786-8755]

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RSVP if you plan to attend: fsofn@uscgauxsoportlandme.com

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The plans for the **October Dinner Meeting** are as follows: 1800-1900—Social Hour; 1900-2100—Dinner Meeting/Presentation. The dinner meeting is to be held at the Rusty Scupper. Menu items will be announced as soon as possible with options and costs. Mark McGill, a new member who volunteers on the **Liberty Ship John W. Brown**, will be giving the presentation.

December 8th is the Holiday Party. The VFC is looking for someone to host the party. If anyone can help out, please contact the VFC or FC.

AUXPAT has been postponed, not cancelled, the VFC emphasized. He is still seeking instructors so that he can set time frame for the course to take place. He hopes this is to begin in October. The probable day will be a Tuesday or a Wednesday. AUXPAT lasts for five weeks.

Staff Positions: There are some Staff officer positions that need to be filled. Kevin Cady has resigned as the Marine Safety Officer. The VFC praised the work done by Kevin Cady, who is resigning due to too many personal commitments he needs to fulfill. Another staff position that he is looking to fill is FSO-MT.

General Comments: Qualifications: The VFC encouraged all members to look in AUXDATA, and make sure that they have the required hours done to stay qualified. Check to make sure all hours are correct, and that everything that has been submitted is present in the database.

The TCT training issue is continuing to be investigated. TCT will be offered at the January District Conference.

New Business: ACN & BS&S classes start this week. If any Auxiliary member wants to take either of these classes, the VFC needs to know as the materials required for members are different from those of the general public.

Boat Crew Program: A January start for the program is being scheduled.

Ken Caprio asked if a Basic Navigation course was to be offered. He suggested breaking down the ACN course into Basic and Advanced, with a certificate for each separate part. Chief Hart stated that he took ACN as two courses, and that both courses had been very well attended: "Basic Coastal" with a roll-over into "Advanced". Brad Thompson pointed out that insurance companies accept either course's certificate without preference. Geoff Sturgess pointed out that the complete ACN course is good preparation for AUXSAR; the VFC agreed.

Sue Polans stated that she and several other members had taken the ACN course last winter, and that no material for the AUXNAV test part had been offered, and that these members had been told that all members but one who had taken the previous AUXNAV test had failed, which was extremely discouraging.

Awards: Joel Glass received two awards: 1-Assistant License and Documentation Examiner successfully completed. 2-Assistant License and Documentation Evaluator successfully completed. Per Joel, this consists of checking documentation and licensing for merchant mariners.

Bob Gelles received the award for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

Old Business and Comments for the Good of the Auxiliary: Brad Thompson remarked that several members had recently been married: Steve Birmingham; and Laura Blair and James Thomson (Frank Leavitt was present at this ceremony). The VFC extended his congratulations to those members.

Chief Hart mentioned that he has materials available for the "America's Waterway Watch" program. There is also the "Sea Partners" program for grade school children up to adults. Ken Caprio reported that he has coffee mugs for sale - \$4.00 each. A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned at 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Thomson (Shadow), and
Geoffrey J. Sturgess, FSO-SR



October 2007

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4, 11, 18, 27 Oct THURS AUXPAT [Auxiliary Patrols] Specialty Course, 1900, Sta. Classroom

8 Oct, 1830 Flotilla Dinner Meeting, Rusty Scupper
Columbus Day

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct, TUES Advanced Coastal Navigation
1900, **105 Jewett** — SMCC

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Oct, WED Boating Skills and Seamanship
1900, **101 Hildreth Hall** — SMCC

29 Oct 1900 Monthly Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting
Station Classroom

18 Thurs, 24 Oct Wed Introduction to the Auxiliary for New Members
Rusty Scupper

6, 13, 20, 27 Nov THURS AUXPAT [Auxiliary Patrols] Specialty Course, 1900, Sta. Classroom

12 Nov, 1900 Monthly Flotilla Meeting, Rusty Scupper
[Elections will be held and a quorum of 25% of the eligible voting membership is required to vote on the elected officers.]

6, 9, 13, 20, 27 Nov, TUES Advanced Coastal Navigation
1900, **105 Jewett** — SMCC

7, 14, 17, 21, 28 Nov, WED Boating Skills and Seamanship
1900, **101 Hildreth Hall** — SMCC

26 Nov 1900 Monthly Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting
Station Classroom

1, 8, 15, 29 Nov, Thurs, New Member Course
Rusty Scupper

19 Oct 1900 District Board/Staff Meeting, Marlboro, MA

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The answer to September's question

Is the earth further from the sun in summer or in winter?

In the United States and the rest of the northern hemisphere, the first day of the autumn season [23 Sept] is the day of the year when the sun crosses the celestial equator moving southward. This day is known as the Autumnal Equinox.

A common misconception is that the earth is further from the sun in winter than in summer. Actually, planet Earth is closest to the sun in December.

Thanks to Daniel Villacci and Frank Leavitt for responding correctly to this month's question.

Let's put on our thinking caps... ..

Two Liberty Ships survive. We have learned about the Liberty Ship John W. Brown. What is the name of the other Liberty Ship?

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